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ON JANUARY 5 HYDROMET REP INFORMED EMBOFF THAT SOVIETS ARE PREPARING FORMAL REPLY TO U.S. REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN RECOVERING RADIO COLLAR ATTACHED TO ERRANT POLAR BEAR. ACCORDING TO THE HYDROMET REP, SOVIETS ARE PLANNING TO ORGANIZE EXPEDITION TO RECOVER THE COLLAR IN MARCH, WHEN POLAR NIGHT HAS LIFTED. TO AID THE EXPEDITION, SOVIETS REPORTEDLY WILL ASK TO RECEIVE FROM THE U.S. A RADIO RECEIVER CAPABLE OF PICKING UP SIGNALS BROADCAST BY THE BEAR. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUERY, HYDROMET REP INDICATED THAT U.S. SCIENTISTS PROBABLY WOULD BE UNABLE TO JOIN THE SOVIET EXPEDITION, NOTING THE ABSENCE ON WRANGEL ISLAND OF FACILITIES SUITABLE TO RECEIVE FOREIGNERS, SUCH AS TOILETS. HYDROMET REP ALSO INDICATED THAT "OTHER FACTORS" (PRESUMABLY SECURITY RELATED) WERE INVOLVED.

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